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FOR A/SY/OPS/T FROM TSO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: ACM-NORTHWING CABLES

REF: (A) STATE 176852 (B) MOSCOW 16495 (C) STATE 181236

1. TSO HAS COMPLETED FIRST PHASE OF ACM INVESTIGATION
OF CABLES UNCOVERED DURING TRENCHING OPERATIONS
ASSOCIATED WITH C&R FUEL TANK INSTALLATION.

2. REFTTEL (B) REPORTED RESULTS ON FIRST 20 PAIR
CABLE LEADING INTO NORTH WING. AFTER COORDINATING
WITH GSO AND CEO (T) AND A THOROUGH FIRST HAND
VISUAL INSPECTION OF NORTH WING PHONE SYSTEM, TSO
CONCLUDED THAT CABLES UNCOVERED WERE NOT ACTIVE
PHONE LINES SERVICING AMEMBASSY.

3. REMAINING 20 PAIR CABLE LEADING INTO NORTH WING
WAS INVESTIGATED USING ROVETTI WITH DC BIAS AND
OHMMETER. ALL POSSIBLE PAIR COMBINATIDNS AND SHEATH
WERE CHECKED IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. NO ACTIVE AUDIO
UNCOVERED. ALL WIRES TERMINATE IN CAPACITIVE LOAD
WITH BETWEEN 1 AND 7 KILOHM DC RESISTANCE TO LEAD
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SHEATH.

4. ATTEMPTS TO USE TDR LOANED BY FIRST MUTS TEAM
WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. IMPEDANCE OF LINES IS INCONSISTENT
AS WELL AS RESISTIVE.

5. ATTEMPTS TO USE AUDIO TRACE AND H FIELD PICKUP

WERE UNSUCCESSFUL SINCE ENDS OF CABLES ARE NOT
GROUNDED WELL ENOUGH TO ENSURE ADEQUATE CURRENT FLOW.
TSO WAS ABLE TO TRACE CABLES ONLY TO ABOUT 8 FEET
FROM MANHOLE WHERE SIGNAL HAD FADED AWAY. LEAD
SHEATHS RUN 500-300 OHMS TO GROUND.

6. BOTH CABLES LEADING INTO NORTH WING ARE NOW
SEVERED.

7. PHYSICAL INSPECTION OF NORTH WING BASEMENT
WHERE CABLES ARE SUSPECTED OF ENTERING PROVED
NEGATIVE.

8. TSO CONCLUDES:

A. DEMO OF COURTYARD SURFACE WILL BE NEEDED TO TRACE
CABLE ROUTING INTO NORTH WING.

B. CONCLUSION STATED IN REFTTEL (B) THAT THESE ARE
OLD PHONE LINES IS NOT CHANGED.

C. COURTYARD DIGGING WILL PROCEED AS MANPOWER
RESOURCES ALLOW. TOON

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